

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: August 19, 2003

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair, John Britton, Directors Dave Davis, Lee Moldaver, Olivia Rodriguez and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Secord and Browning Allen (City of Santa Barbara) and Barbra Nelson MTD.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair John Britton called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Vice Chair Britton noted that all Board members were present.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

MTD Board Clerk reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters and on the MTD Website last week and mailed to media of general circulation.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes Report

Director Lee Moldaver moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes for the meeting of June 27, 2003. Director Dave Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Olivia Rodriguez moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes for the meeting of July 21, 2003. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Davis moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes for the meeting of July 25, 2003. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Rodriguez moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes for the meeting of July 29, 2003. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Cash Report

Director Rodriguez moved to adopt the cash report for the period of July 29, 2003 through August 11, 2003. Director Moldaver asked if the Finance Committee had reviewed the reports. Vice Chair Britton said he had reviewed them. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Hal Siegel addressed the issue of electric versus clean diesel buses. Steven Eakin, MTD bus driver and shop steward, spoke to the issue of having meetings later in the mornings so that disabled passengers would have more time to make preparations to attend.

7. At-large Director Interviews (8:45-10:50)

Director Rodriguez of the *ad hoc* committee reviewed the interviews that took place prior to the meeting for the applicants who were unable to attend the meeting: Brian Fahnestock, Harley Augustino and Jonathan Ziegler and noted that Michael Boucher had withdrawn his application. The Board interviewed applicants: Helene Beaver, David Johnson, Robert Bernstein, Craig Geyer, Margaret Marvin, Bob Cooper, Frank Banales, A. Marshall Zaun, Randy Stark and Steven Engles. Michael Cheng did not attend. The top 3 candidates of each Board member were

announced. Then the 3 finalists were determined to be Brian Fahnestock, David Johnson and Randy Stark. They will return to the next Board meeting for a final in depth interview and where a final choice may be made.

8. Other Business and Committee Reports

Director Moldaver asked about moving ahead with committee appointments and election of officers. Vice Chair Britton suggested that the Board appoint the At-large Director first. Director Moldaver announced that he and Vice Chair Britton would form an *ad hoc* committee to work with the MTD staff and the City of Santa Barbara.

9. General Manager's Report

1) Facilities

General Manager Gary Gleason stated that the Haley Yard project should be completed by the second week of September and that MTD would be consolidating to this site except for the booster buses to be moved at a later date to ease the consolidation process. Mr. Gleason noted that since 1985, MTD has been working to rebuild and consolidate its facilities. The General Manager reviewed some of the options for the vacated Overpass Road facility, including inquiries from Easy Lift who would like to relocate there. Mr. Gleason stated that he had asked Easy Lift to make a written request for the Overpass Road facility. The General Manager cautioned that before anyone could move into Overpass Road, MTD would have to remove fuel tanks.

2) Buses

General Manager Gary Gleason updated the Board on some of the choices regarding the outstanding bid for 25 buses. Mr. Gleason recommended that MTD go back out to bid again since the bid had been delayed by the Ebus protest past the 90-day allotted period. Mr. Gleason stated that the MTD staff would make recommendations for a bus procurement plan at the next Board meeting.

10. Closed session

At this time the Board entered closed sessions pursuant to Government Codes §54956.8 regarding the review for the sale of the MTD Calle Real property and §54956.9 to discuss potential litigation regarding Ms. Dana Johnson, Worker's Compensation Claim #02-0021.

Upon returning from closed sessions, it was reported that the Board had given instructions to Board Council Doug Large to continue working with The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara on the agreement to sell the MTD Calle Real Property, to move forward with an appraisal process and to finalize draft language in the agreements. The Board also authorized Assistant General Manager Sherrie Fisher to propose a settlement with Ms. Dana Johnson.

11. Adjournment

Director Lee Moldaver moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Davis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.